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Mr. Hatano, Mr. Park and Mr. Weissbrodt: draft decision

1997/... Systematic rape and sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during periods of armed conflict

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/25 of 19 April 1996, in which the Commission referred to the fact that both experts and alternates could undertake studies for the Sub-Commission; taking note of the letter dated 13 May 1997 from Ms. Linda Chavez, Special Rapporteur on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during periods of armed conflict, in which the Special Rapporteur informed the High Commissioner and the Centre for Human Rights of her resignation as Special Rapporteur and of her inability to submit her final report, as requested by the Sub-Commission in its resolution 1996/11 of 23 August 1996; noting that Ms. Chavez has expressed the hope that her study will nonetheless be completed; and recalling its decision 1996/113 of 29 August 1996, in which it recognized the need to bring to a successful conclusion studies which have been initiated, decides to entrust Ms. Gay J. McDougall with the task of completing the study on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during periods of armed conflict for submission to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session.